

Behavioral Health Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2016

Members Present: Lonnetta Albright, Julie Barron, Linda Burghardt, Karen Cashen, Elmer Cerano, Ashley Willis for Mary Chaliman, Norm DeLisle, Kevin Fischer, Arlene Kashata, Jane Reagan for Lauren Kazee, Greg Johnson, Benjamin Jones, Kristin Rienink for Kevin McLaughlin, Paula Nelson, Stephanie Oles, Jamie Pennell, Neicey Pennell, Mark Reinstein, Ben Robinson, Kim Rychener, Kristie Schmiede, Patricia Smith, Sally Steiner, Brenda Stoneburner for Jeff Wieferich, Brian Wellwood, Cynthia Wright

Members Absent: Glynis Anderson, Erin Emerson, Mary Beth Evans, Sara Koziel, Tina Louise, Marcia Probst, Jane Shank

Others Present: Glenn Cornish, Catherine Distelrath, Lorianne Fall, Deborah Hollis, Paula Kaiser VanDam, Eric Kurtz, Tom Renwick, Adam Rondeau, Larry Scott, Jennifer Stentoumis, Brenda Stoneburner, Mark Witte, Michelle Woolf

Welcome and Introductions – Mark Reinstein called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Introductions were made.

Review and Approval of Minutes – The council reviewed the meeting minutes from March 4, 2016. Julie Barron moved/Sally Steiner seconded – minutes approved as written.

Vacancies on the Behavioral Health Advisory Council – Karen Cashen

Karen explained some changes in positions on the council and pointed out that there are required representatives that must be on the council. The council needs 2 representatives: 1) An individual with lived experience of substance use disorder 2) An individual with lived experience of mental illness. Karen asked the council to email her if they know anyone who may be interested in serving on the council. The positions have to be appointed, so there are steps that need to be taken to appoint people to the council.

MDHHS/BHDDA Update – Tom Renwick

298 Workgroup – There have been 3 – 4 meetings of the workgroup so far and one scheduled next week. There are about 130 people on the workgroup at this point. The workgroup has discussed core values, what is working and what is not working in the behavioral health system, and preferences and substitute language for the boilerplate. The next meeting is to focus on the next steps required to come up with a plan to move forward by December 1st. The plan is to develop a smaller design group with a couple of response groups (one being consumers and one being providers) to try to come up with a plan. A survey went out to the workgroup members and hopefully the outcome of that survey will be discussed at the next meeting. Tom provided a draft of the revised

298 boilerplate language to the group. The group discussed some other activities going on in the state that should also be included in the 298 discussion to get the full picture of what the needs are – including homelessness and other issues. Some members of the BHAC who are on the 298 Workgroup expressed some concerns about the operation of the workgroup and the very short time frames involved for planning. Tom encouraged those people to express these concerns at the next meeting next week. Mark Reinstein indicated that there is a sub-group of about 12 advocacy groups that have been meeting about the 298 language outside of the big workgroup and they have sent their concerns via email to the facilitator of the larger 298 workgroup and Lynda Zeller.

Federal Budget – It looks positive for block grant funding.

CMS Rule Set – One of the issues included in this rule set is setting standards for time to/availability of certain behavioral health services and the BHAC may be consulted on establishing these.

SAMHSA Project Officer – Lisa Creatura is the SAMHSA Project Officer for the SAPT Block Grant. She will be in Michigan in November and will be invited to attend the next BHAC meeting.

HCBS Rules – The Department continues to work with CMS to determine how these rules will impact existing behavioral health services.

CCBHC & 1115 Waiver Update – Eric Kurtz

1115 Waiver Update – The application should be sent to CMS next week. It has also gone to the governor's office for final review and signature. I have received a number of formal and informal questions regarding the Section 298, the waiver and I just want to indicate that the Section 298 language has not changed the waiver application. As soon as it can be, the application and public comment will be posted on the BHDDA website. Some changes were required in how SUD services were described and included.

CCBHC Update – 28 applications were received for certification which are currently being reviewed. There are hopefully going to be 8 -10 sites chosen (maybe more). After selection, the sites will receive an onsite certification visit to assure they are meeting all the service criteria and administrative requirements. The sites have to understand the risk involved in this model and the site visits and other TA opportunities to the sites will help to educate the applicants further prior to full certification. There are BHAC members on the CCBHS Steering Committee and once sites are selected the steering committee will be expanded to include additional representation in certain areas like consumers from those particular sites and professional organizations. The project is still on track to be ready for the October demonstration grant submission.

MDHHS Justice & Mental Health Collaboration Grant – Brenda Stoneburner

The abstract for the grant application was provided to the BHAC. It is a 3 year, \$250,000 planning/pilot grant. The project is directly working with the Diversion Council and Washtenaw and Genesee Counties in particular. The application proposes to establish a state-level Stepping Up Michigan forum, to add 2 new CIT sites in Michigan, and to inform the Diversion Council about trauma-informed diversion strategies. Updates on the grant will be a standing agenda item on the BHAC agenda.

MDHHS Housing and Homeless Services Presentation – Paula Kaiser VanDam, Catherine Distelrath, & Michelle Woolf

PowerPoint slides and handouts were provided to the BHAC.

Reports

ROSC Transformation Steering Committee – Kristie Schmiede

Kristie is trying to get minutes from the ROSC TSC meetings available for the BHAC. Larry Scott gave an update on prescription drugs overdose projects, a federal grant opportunity for SUD services and a workforce survey that has been conducted. Pam Werner gave an update on the SUD peer curriculum and peer conference. DOC gave an update on a RFA they are releasing and additional SUD interventions they are providing. There was an update on the activities of the SA Directors from the PIHP's. An update from BHDDA was given as well. Kristie provided the minutes from a sub-workgroup of the SUD Workforce Taskforce that met in May.

Recovery News & Issues – Kristin Rienink

There was a statewide RCO retreat in Dewitt with attendees from Washington as well as ROC from Michigan that was very successful. There is another RCO conference in Washington, D.C. to bring together RCO representation from across the country. There is a new Pathways grant that will fund additional recovery support groups other than AA and NA.

State Workgroup on Children's Guardianship – Mark Reinstein

This group has provided their recommendations to the Diversion Council and is done meeting. The group's recommendations focused on updating chapter 4A of the Mental Health Code. The Diversion Council is now in charge of doing what they will with the recommendations. The group decided to move forward on the recommendations for 4A because there were not any children's guardianship recommendations they could identify.

MDHHS Workgroup on Conflict-Free Case Management – Mark Reinstein

There are federal rules currently in place that now require independent/firewall protected entities providing service eligibility, assessment, and service provision. The workgroup has not met very often and have not made much progress. There is a wide range of views on the workgroup about what needs to be independent vs. firewalled.

Public Policy Updates

Kevin's Law Revision - Mark Reinstein

A revision of this law went through the House and is being held up in the Senate. The Lt. Governor is behind this revision but it is currently not advancing.

The Federal "Murphy Bill" – Mark Reinstein

A very controversial mental health bill, is now in a revised iteration and is moving through the House and there is hope in some quarters that a similar bill will advance in the Senate. At least some National advocacy groups are supportive of the amended version of the bill currently in the House.

Prior Authorization and Exclusions of Medicaid Medications – Mark Reinstein

State statutory protection from prior authorization of mental health drugs only applies to fee for service. MDHHS policy has extended this practice to the HMOs for over a decade but has indicated the protections may end December of 2016. Advocates have persuaded the Legislature to keep protections for psychiatric, epilepsy, and organ replacement medications through September 2017 via the FY17 state budget bill.

Semi-Independent Living Licensing – Ben Robinson

When LARA took over licensing, that department interpreted the law saying that any semi-independent living arrangements must be licensed. There is currently a lawsuit in federal court in Detroit brought by 4 private providers to block this interpretation of the law.

Public Comment

Glenn Cornish - Lack of a Medicaid payment model for medical office visit services for people with primary SUD diagnoses and/or who are receiving assisted outpatient treatment is causing difficulties for providers and Glenn would like the BHAC to consider investigating this more and advocating for changes to allow providers to be reimbursed for these services.

Announcements

- There is a National Block Grant Conference in August that Mark Reinstein and MDHHS staff will be attending.
- The facilitator of the 298 Workgroup emailed Mark Reinstein to tell him he will call him Monday to talk about the email the advocate group sent.
- JIMHO Support Group Conference is July 12th at Lansing Community College West. Trauma-informed environment projects are starting in the drop-in centers. There is also a Drop-in center survey project going on to assess the value of peer support and drop-in centers to utilizers of those services.
- Karen Cashen asked all council members to keep their contact information up to date with Lorianne Fall.
- The group decided to continue to have meetings at the Operations Center.
- Stephanie Oles wanted to thank the advocates on the council for their continued work to get the best services for the people of Michigan.

Mark adjourned the meeting.